GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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REGULARISATION OF EMPLOYEES
ANANTRAO GUDHE;NAMDEO HARBAJI DIWATHE;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Ram Rajya in Sanchar Bhavan` appearing in the `Financial Express` dated April 5, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a), (b) & (c) : Minister of Communications had mentioned in a Press Conference held on 4.4.2000 about the terms and conditions of engagement for ED employees in general, and also the demands made by Staff Union about the grant of status of regular employees and pension of ED Agent. All aspects of Extra Departmental system providing postal facilities in the rural areas of the country were also discussed in the recent meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Communications. Issue regarding the ED Agents involve basic principles generating to the terms and conditions of employment under the Central Govt. and hence these call for extensive examination in depth, and in consultation with other nodal departments/Ministries of the Government of India. In this context, the efforts of the Department of Posts to modernise the services with new technology and generate more revenue through premier services and products specifically tailored to meet the requirements of commercial/business sector are also relevant.